



Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program

SMALL GRANT PROGRAM

The Lake Michigan Coastal Program annually allocates a limited amount of funds to serve short term requests for funding from the coastal community. The projects are to be short-term in duration and small in scope and use an application specific to the Small Grant Program. Low cost construction and acquisition projects are not eligible for this funding. This is a rolling grant program; you may apply at any time.

The Lake Michigan coastal community is healthy and thriving for this and future generations

Purpose

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Coastal Program is to preserve, protect, restore and where possible to develop the resources of the coast for this and succeeding generations and to achieve wise use of the land and water resources of the coastal region, giving full consideration to ecological, cultural, historic and esthetic values as well as to needs for economic development.

The Coastal Grants program provides funding to communities and organizations that seek out social, economic, and environmental solutions that promote partnerships and balance the use and protection of the coast's valuable, yet fragile, resources.

Funding for the Lake Michigan Coastal Grant Program is provided by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, Office of Coastal Resource Management, through the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants include units of local government, state agencies, state colleges and universities, area-wide agencies, and non-profit organizations (special conditions apply).

Requirements

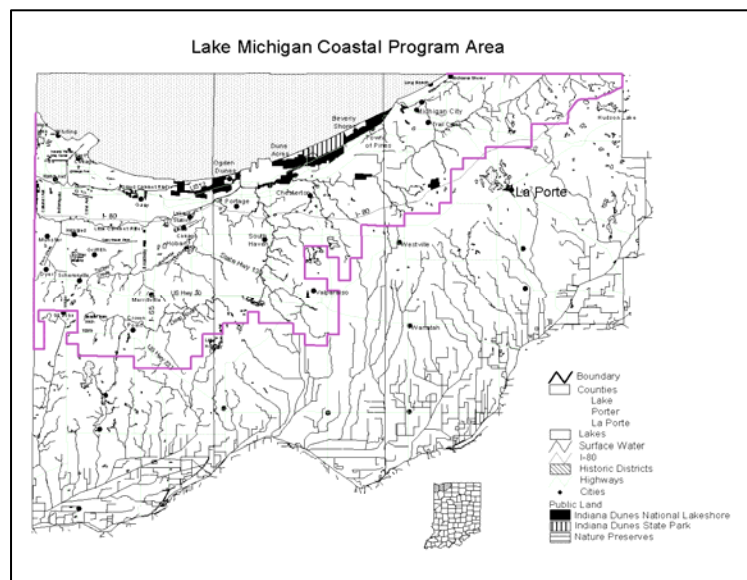
1:1 Match Rate

Project must be located within the LMCP boundary

Maximum Award:
\$5,000

Complete project in 6 months

Grant funds are reimbursed



Project Categories

Outreach / Education: \$5,000 maximum

Includes projects such as public participation processes, informational kiosks and signage, posters, symposiums, conferences and workshops

Resource Management: \$5,000 maximum

Projects such as GIS data collection, aerial photography, land use planning and other projects that allow for better resource management

Past recipients of Coastal Small Grant funds

Save the Dunes Conservation Fund
City of Hobart
Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission
Town of Chesterton
Portage Parks Foundation
Alliance for the Great Lakes
Porter County Soil and Water Conservation District
Purdue University North Central

Project Limitations

- A project can receive LMCP Small Grant Funds only once during the project life
- An applicant can only have one small grant request funded at a time
- Project cannot involve construction, land acquisition or restoration
- Projects must be ready to begin within 30 days of approval, pending signed Grant Agreement and be complete within 6 months.

Coastal Advisory Board

The Coastal Advisory Board (CAB) is made up of 27 appointed members representing various stakeholders in the Lake Michigan program area. The CAB provides valuable input on applications and votes whether or not to fund the Small Grant proposal.

For Application and Guidance

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/lakemich>

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